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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Patent Application of:  
James Gross et al.

Application No.: 09/774,248

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Art Unit: 3761

For: ABSORBENT PRODUCTS WITH IMPROVED  
VERTICAL WICKING AND REWET  
CAPABILITY

Examiner: Michele M. Kidwell

**REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41**

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Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is responsive to the Examiner's Answer dated September 22, 2005. Appellants also submit herewith a request for an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. These submissions are filed within the two months specified by 37 C.F.R. §§ 41.41.

No fee is believed due with this reply brief. If, however, any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.







**V. Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, the cited prior art references would not have rendered the presently claimed invention anticipated or obvious. The rejections of claims 1-13, 29-30 and 35-36 should be reversed by the Board.

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